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SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FORWARD PLANS

The previous quarterly report presented our plans to conduct specialized short-term training in Afghanistan on the topic of "Research and Demonstration Methodology and Interpretation". Our report also presented the training plan and course outline that had been developed by the lead instructor, Dr. Paigham Shah. Included with this report is the list of 58 Afghan agricultural specialists who received this training. This list gives the duty station and organizational affiliation of each trainee. In transmitting this list, our Field Office Director (Dr. Qayyum) stated that "At the end of the course, the participants showed enthusiasm and freely expressed their comments. All of the researchers, extension agents and teachers appreciated this course and were happy with the materials that they took with them at the end of the course".

Dr. Qayyum and his assistant Mr. Agha were actively involved with Dr. Shah while he conducted this training during the month of April. The trainees were brought to Kabul in three separate groups. The first group was made up of individuals from the northern region (Balkh Province) and Herat Province in the western region. The second group combined trainees from the southern part of Afghanistan (Kandahar Province) and Nangarhar Province in the eastern region. Group three consisted of those who were based in Kabul and employed by either Kabul University or the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL). At the conclusion of each six-day training session, completion certificates were presented to participants by Eng. Sharif, the Senior Deputy Minister of MAIL. This last wave of trainees brings us to a total of slightly more than 500 Afghan agricultural personnel who have been reached through our technical short courses since the August 2003 initiation of this training program.

Our last report mentioned good progress being made by the MAIL Extension Department staff enrolled in M.Sc. degree programs at the NWFP Agricultural University. Nine students in the original group of ten have now completed their degree requirements. A list giving details on this group of nine is included with this report. The tenth student is enrolled in a challenging Agribusiness Program at Faisalabad Agricultural University and will require additional time to complete his degree. Dr. Qayyum has requested an appointment with the Minister to formally present this group of nine returnees as they take up positions in the Extension Department.

Last quarter's report mentioned the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was being processed. This gives us a five-year extension in the longstanding UIUC/SIUC/NWFP/PAU formalized relationship. Our latest MOU is accompanied by a four-page Implementation Plan that provides detail on the nature and scope of our three-university partnership. The entire document has now been fully executed. Signed originals have been placed in the files at each university. This MOU and Implementation Plan will serve as a platform to support continuing interaction with our Pakistani partner institution during the years ahead.

A prominent part of our forward planning, as we enter the final quarter of operation, will be closeout of the Illinois Field Office in Peshawar. Office space in a central-campus location has been provided through the generosity of the NWFP Agricultural University. This ideal field office location proved to be a critical factor in the success of our seven-year training project. Assorted other closeout activities, both in the field and on campus, will require our attention during the upcoming quarter as we meet end-of-project reporting requirements.

#### List of Participants- Research and Demonstration Methodology and Interpretation

| S.No. | Name                 | Organization/Location            | Duration     |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1     | Abdul Rahim          | Agriculture-Herat                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 2     | Habibullah           | Agriculture-Herat                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 3     | Mohammad Idris       | Agriculture-Herat                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 4     | Mohammad Tariq       | Research Farm-Herat              | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 5     | Ghulam Dawood        | Agriculture-Herat                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 6     | Haji Bashir Ahmad    | Agriculture-Herat                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 7     | Abdul rahim Omid     | Faculty of Agr. Herat University | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 8     | Farid Rahmani        | Faculty of Agr. Herat University | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 9     | Ramin Nazaarejan     | Faculty of Agr. Herat University | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 10    | Wasi Ameri           | Faculty of Agr. Herat University | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 11    | Ahmad Shah Mohammadi | Faculty of Agr. Herat University | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 12    | Ahmad Fahim          | Agriculture-Balkh                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 13    | Rahimi               | Agriculture-Balkh                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 14    | Ziauddin             | Agriculture-Balkh                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 15    | Mohammad Hussain     | Agriculture-Balkh                | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 16    | Abdul Kamil          | Research-Balkh                   | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 17    | Ahmad Shah           | Research-Balkh                   | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 18    | Maliha               | Research-Balkh                   | 11/4-16/4/09 |
| 19    | Bahar Khan           | Research-Nangarhar               | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 20    | Abdul Aziz           | Extension-Nangarhar              | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 21    | Abdul Shakoor        | Extension-Nangarhar              | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 22    | Haroon Naderi        | Kandahar University              | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 23    | Aminullah            | Research-Nangarhar               | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 24    | Asmatullah           | Extension-Kandahar               | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 25    | Said Shah            | Nangarhar University             | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 26    | Hussain              | Nangarhar University             | 18/4-23/4/09 |

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| 27 | Hashmatullah    | Extension-Nangarhar  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 28 | Masood          | Nangarhar University | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 29 | Najibullah      | Research Kandahar    | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 30 | Mohammad Nabi   | Research-Kandahar    | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 31 | Mohammad Arif   | Research Kandahar    | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 32 | Sakhidad        | Extension-Kandahar   | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 33 | Allauddin       | Kandahar University  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 34 | Syed M. Kabir   | Kandahar University  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 35 | Shah Mahmood    | Kandahar University  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 36 | Mohammad Haroon | Research-Nangarhar   | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 37 | Shah Mohammad   | Kandahar University  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 38 | M. Asif         | Extension-Nangarhar  | 18/4-23/4/09 |
| 39 | Abdul Wasi      | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 40 | Asadullah       | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 41 | Abdullah        | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 42 | Naqibullah      | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 43 | Mohammad Zahir  | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 44 | Karam Khuda     | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 45 | Banaras         | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 46 | Shahidullah     | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 47 | Abdul Saboor    | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 48 | Mohammad Amin   | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 49 | Zabiullah       | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 50 | Mohammad Batoor | Research-Kabul       | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 51 | Prof. Zahirian  | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 52 | Prof. Pa miri   | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 53 | Ajeer           | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 54 | Sakhidad        | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 55 | Noor Ahmad      | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 56 | Kohistani       | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 57 | Sabin Jan       | Kabul University     | 25/4-30/4/09 |
| 58 | Rauf            | Extension-Kabul      | 25/4-30/4/09 |

LIST OF MAIL STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM  
NWFP AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, PESHAWAR UNDER THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-MAIL PROGRAM (2006-2009)

| S. No. | Name of the Students | Father's Name    | Degree                      | Discipline   |
|--------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1.     | Rahmatullah          | Karimullah       | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Agricultural Extension Education and Communication |
| 2.     | Mohammad Rauf        | Mohammad Ishaq   | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Horticulture                                       |
| 3.     | Walayat Khan         | Dad Mohammad     | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Plant Protection                                   |
| 4.     | Mohammad Ibrahim     | Abdul Ghafar     | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Weed Science                                       |
| 5.     | Sayed Jamaluddin     | Sayed Jalaluddin | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Weed Science                                       |
| 6.     | Hidayatullah         | Mohammad Amir    | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Weed Science                                       |
| 7.     | Abdul Qadim          | Abdul Moqim      | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Horticulture                                       |
| 8.     | Allah Mohammad       | Khair Mohammad   | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Agricultural Extension Education and Communication |
| 9.     | Habib-ur-Rahman      | Amin Jan         | M.Sc. Honour in Agriculture | Plant Protection                                   |